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SUBJECT: ORIENTAL FRUIT FLY ERADICATION IN CERRITOS AND ARTESIA

Four sexually mature male specimens of Oriental Fruit Fly (OFF), a major agricultural pest, have been detected in Cerritos and Artesia since Tuesday, July 9 by my staff and by California Department of Food and Agriculture staff. The number and close proximity of these specimens warrants action. Mated female Oriental Fruit Flies deposit eggs into host fruits and vegetables and resulting maggots make the produce unfit for consumption. The species is known to target over 230 different fruit, vegetable and plant commodities. To address this pest, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) personnel will conduct an OFF eradication operation over an 11 square-mile area (**see attached map**), some of which is in Orange County. The map depicts the locations of the first three specimens found. The fourth specimen was found in close proximity.

A "male attractant" technique is being employed to combat this pest. Presenting no inconvenience to community members, the process consists of squirting a small spot of bait onto streetside tree trunks. Approximately 600 such "bait stations" are placed approximately eight to ten feet up on the trees in each square mile of the eradication area. Male flies feed on the bait and are killed by the small amount of Naled pesticide in the bait. No aerial bait treatments are planned. CDFA plans to start treatments Wednesday, July 17, and will repeat treatments at two-week intervals for at least six sessions. Please note that the designated environmentally sensitive area on the map is in Orange County.

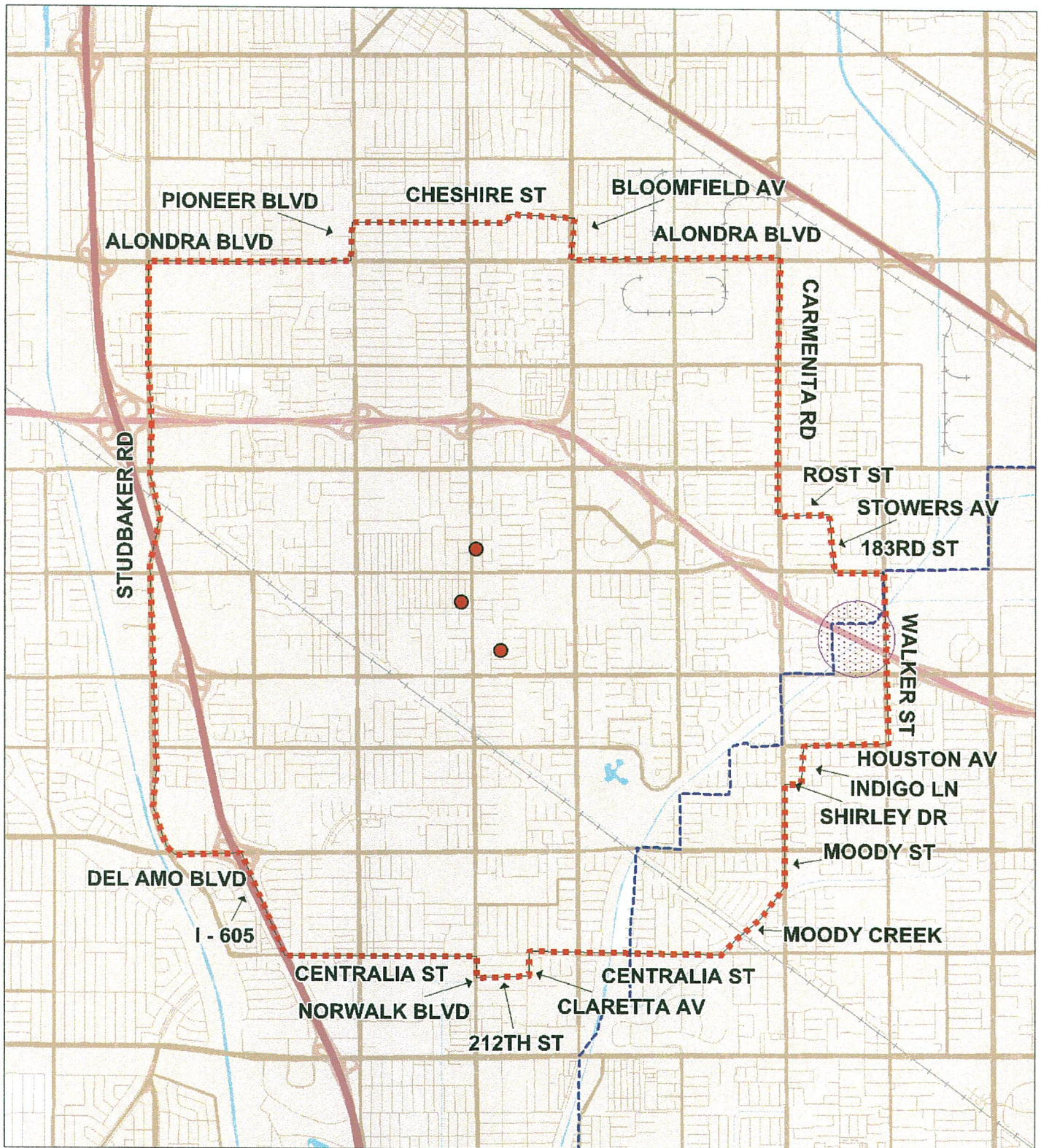
We are informing the City Managers of Cerritos, Artesia, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, and Lakewood, and the cities' public works departments, the County Department of Public Works, and your Board offices in the treatment area to enable staff to answer questions from the public.

I will continue to update you as details become available and warrant an update.

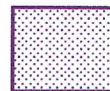
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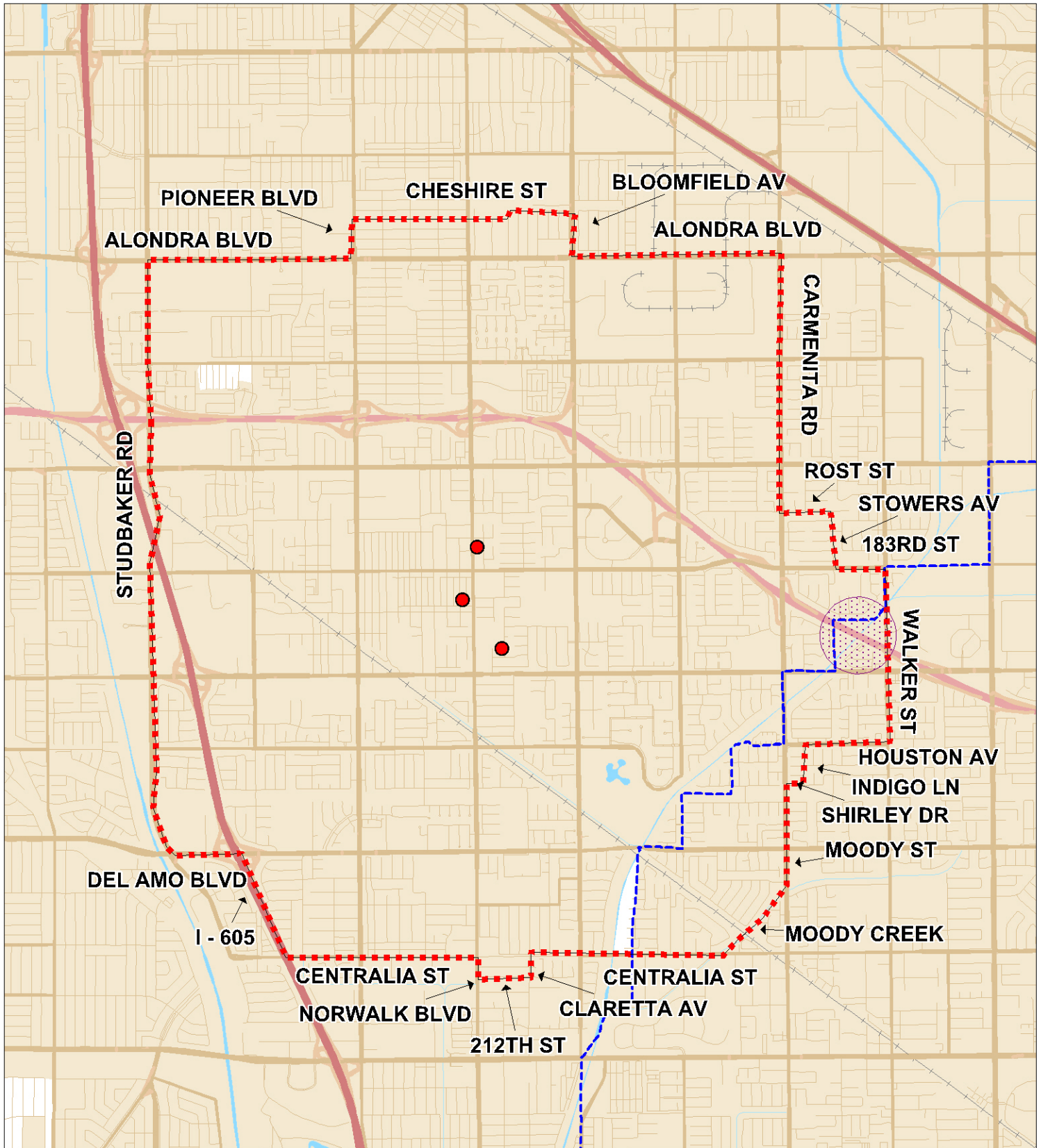


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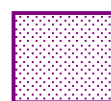


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